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SUBJECT: JUNE 18-19 CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

1. SUMMARY: MAIN FOCUS OF TWO DAY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM WHICH ENDED JUNE 19 WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL REPORT BY CEAUSESCU ON FAILURES OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ( LED BY NICULESCU-MIZIL) IN IMPLEMENTING PARTY' S PRODUCTION- ORIENTED EDUCATION REFORMS. IN SEPARATE ADDRESS ON ROLE OF WOMEN, CEAUSESCU IN LESS POINTED FASHION ALSO BLAMED TROFIN AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURES IN IMPROVING LIVING STANDARDS-- CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES-- FOR SLOW PROGRESS OF WOMEN' S LIBERATION IN ROMANIA AND, SEEMINGLY PARADOXICALLY, FOR LOW BIRTH RATE. IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN MOVE " TO PACK" EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLENUM AGREED TO ENLARGEMENT OF CC/ EXCO  
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TO PERMIT ELECTION OF FOUR WOMEN ( LED BY ELENA CEAUSESCU AS FULL EXCO MEMBER). PLENUM ALSO FORMALLY RELIEVED DINCA AND BANC AS PARTY SECRETARIES, BUT EFFECTED NO OTHER LEADERSHIP CHANGES OTHER THAN EXPECTED REMOVAL OF AUREL DUCA AS CANDIDATE EXCO MEMBER ( DUCA HAS SUFFERED CLEAR DEMOTION IN BEING ASSIGNED TO POLAND AS AMBASSADOR).  
END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU' S SPEECH ON EDUCATION IS HARSHLY CRITICAL OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NUMEROUS FAILURES IN EFFECTING PARTY' S REFORM PROGRAM, SO MUCH SO THAT ONE MUST CONCLUDE NICULESCU- MIZIL WAS UNDER SHARP ATTACK ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME. MINISTRY IS BLAMED FOR HAVING EDUCATED A SURPLUS OF " NON- PRODUCTIVE" CADRES; FOR NOT RELATING EDUCATION MORE CLOSELY TO PRACTICAL NEEDS OF PRODUCTION; AND FOR " SERIOUS FAULTS" IN NOT ONLY FAILING TO IMPLEMENT BUT EVEN ARGUING AGAINST UNIFORM 10- CLASS SECONDARY- SCHOOL SYSTEM FAVORED BY CEAUSESCU BY USING " ALL SORTS OF THEORIES." DEPARTMENT' S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO CEAUSESCU' S EDUCATION SPEECH AS INTERESTING EXPOSITION ON ROMANIAN EDUCATION POLICY AND PROBLEMS ( INCLUDING FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING).

3. IN A LESS STRIDENT ADDRESS ON ROLE OF WOMEN, CEAUSESCU ARGUED THAT ROMANIAN WOMEN ARE PREVENTED FROM REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BECUASE INADEQUATE LIVING CONDITIONS TIE THEM TO THE HOME. THUS, BLAME IS LAID ON COUNCIL FOR PROVISIONING LED BY " A MEMBER OF EXCO AND VICE- PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS" ( SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TROFIN) FOR FAILURE TO " DEVELOP MORE RAPIDLY SERVICES AND PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS." CEAUSESCU ALSO BLAMED POOR LIVING STANDARDS ( PARTICULARLY INSUFFICIENT CHILD CARE FACILITIES) FOR FAILURE OF 1967 MEASURES OUTLAWING BIRTH CONTROL TO RAISE BIRTH RATE, AND WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH ( BURGHELE) FOR IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD " DANGEROUS" PROBLEM OF DECLINING BIRTH RATE.  
COMMENT: GIVEN GOR' S DELIBERATE POLICY OF HIGH CAPITAL INVESTMENT, CEAUSESCU' S CRITICISM ON LIVING STANDARDS RINGS HOLLOW.

4. AS PROPOSED BY BODNARAS, PLENUM UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED  
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FOUR WOMEN TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. LIST IS LED BY ELENA CEAUSESCU AS FULL MEMBER ( WHOSE MAY 24 ELECTION AS MEMBER OF NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WAS PERHAPS NOT COINCIDENTALLY ANNOUNCED IN SAME JUNE 20 PRESS). OTHERS ARE FULL MEMBER LINA CIOBANU ( BUCHAREST MUNICIPALITY), AND CANDIDATE MEMBERS MAGDALENA FILIPAS ( TRADE UNIONS) AND AURELIA DANILA ( CLUJ WOMEN' S COMMITTEE). ONLY ONE

CANDIDATE EXCO MEMBER WAS DROPPED ( AUREL DUCA' S FURTHER DEMOTION AS AMBASSADOR TO POLAND), DESPITE FACT THAT EXCO NOW CONTAINS SEVERAL POLITICAL FOSSILS ( E. G. DANALACHE, ILIESCU, ETC., WHOM ONE COULD HAVE EXPECTED TO BE REMOVED). CONTINUING APPARENT INABILITY TO EFFECT CHANGES IN TOP PARTY BODIES MAY INDICATE THAT INCREASE IN SIZE OF EXCO MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO GIVE CEAUSESCU GREATER VOTING LEVERAGE IN THAT KEY ORGAN.

5. PLENUM ALSO FORMALLY REMOVED PARTY SECRETARIES DINCA AND BANC IN VIEW OF THEIR NEW ASSIGNMENTS AS PARTY CHIEFS FOR ARGES AND MURES DISTRICTS. NO NEW SECRETARIES WERE ELECTED, CONFIRMING PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE.

6. PLENUM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SHORT AND CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED BY CEAUSESCU. NO MEMBER OF PRESIDIU ADDRESSSED PLENUM ( NOT EVEN N- MIZIL DESPITE FOCUS ON EDUCATION) AND ONLY EXCO MEMBER TO DO SO WAS BUCHAREST PARTY CHIEF CIOARA. ON JUNE 19, CEAUSESCU ALSO CHAIRED DRAFTING COMMISSION OF PARTY PROGRAM FOR 11 TH PARTY CONGRESS ( ESTABLISHED AT JULY 1972 PARTY CONFERENCE) TO CONVEY " ORIENTATION OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM" WHICH WAS THEN " UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED." HE THEN ALSO PRESIDED OVER MEETING OF SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH APPROVED DRAFT PLAN FOR 1974-75. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES COMBINE TO CONVEY AT LEAST SURFACE IMPRESSION OF CEAUSESCU' S STRENGTH AND AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, AT SAME TIME, HIGHLY MANAGED PLENUM AT WHICH TOP LEADERSHIP PLAYED LITTLE OF NO ROLE, AND IN WHICH CEAUSESCU AGAIN APPEARED TO SPAR WITH SUCH POSSIBLE DISSENTERS IN PRESIDIU AS N- MIZIL AND TROFIN RATHER THAN TACKLE THEM HEAD- ON, AGAIN DEMONSTRATES CEAUSESCU' S TECHNIQUE AND FELT NEED OF BY- PASSING TOP

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PARTY ORGANS TO SEEK SUPPORT AT A BROADER PARTY LEVEL.  
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